

APPEAL NO. 022867  
FILED JANUARY 3, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on October 8, 2002. With regard to the two disputed issues the hearing officer determined that the respondent's (claimant) compensable low back injury of \_\_\_\_\_, does not include an injury to the L4-5 level of the lumbar spine and that the claimant is not entitled to supplemental income benefits (SIBs) for the first quarter.

Despite prevailing on the merits on the two issues, the appellant (carrier) appeals the hearing officer's determination that the claimant's unemployment was a direct result of the claimant's impairment emphasizing what the word "direct" means. The claimant responded, urging affirmance on the appealed point.

DECISION

The hearing officer's decision and order have become final. Section 410.169.

In that the carrier has prevailed in this case on the merits, it is not an aggrieved party. In Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 991106, decided July 7, 1999 (Unpublished), we pointed out that judicial review can only be sought by a party that is "aggrieved" by a final decision of the Appeal Panel. Section 410.251. See Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 022824, decided December 12, 2002. Further, even were we to agree with carrier's contention, it would not change the result of this case.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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Thomas A. Knapp  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Elaine M. Chaney  
Appeals Judge

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Edward Vilano  
Appeals Judge